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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and the comments.